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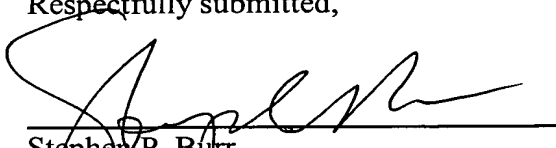
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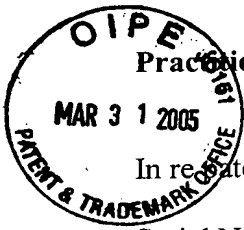
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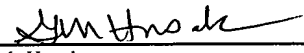
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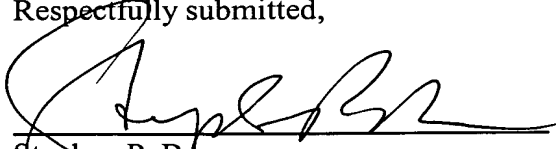
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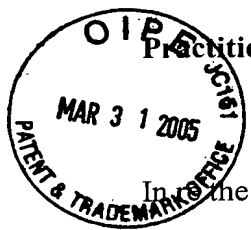
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Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of March 2, 2005 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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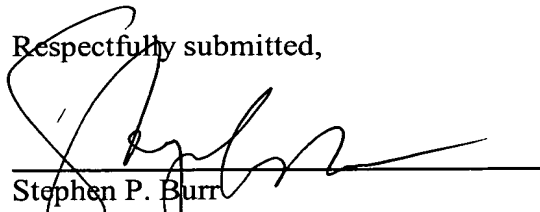
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3. EP 0 824 779 (Ref. AE) was replaced by International Publication No. WO 96/36100 according to Article 158 of the PCT.

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